



## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

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### 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane from the People's Republic of China: Continuation of Antidumping Duty Order

**AGENCY:** Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**SUMMARY:** As a result of the determinations by the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) and the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) that revocation of the antidumping duty (AD) order on 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane (R-134a) from the People's Republic of China (China) would likely lead to a continuation or recurrence of dumping and material injury to an industry in the United States, Commerce is publishing a notice of continuation of the AD order.

**DATES:** Applicable [Insert date of publication in the *Federal Register*].

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### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

On April 19, 2017, Commerce published the AD order on R-134a from China.<sup>1</sup> On March 1, 2022, Commerce initiated the first five-year (sunset) review of the *Order* pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).<sup>2</sup> As a result of its review, Commerce determined that revocation of the *Order* would likely lead to a continuation or

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<sup>1</sup> See *1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane (R-134a) from the People's Republic of China: Antidumping Duty Order*, 82 FR 18422 (April 19, 2017) (*Order*).

<sup>2</sup> See *Initiation of Five-Year (Sunset) Reviews*, 87 FR 11416 (March 1, 2022).

recurrence of dumping and, therefore, notified the ITC of the magnitude of the margins likely to prevail should the *Order* be revoked.<sup>3</sup> On October 25, 2022, the ITC published its determination, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act, that revocation of the *Order* would likely lead to a continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time.<sup>4</sup>

#### Scope of the *Order*

The merchandise covered by the *Order* is 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane, R-134a, or its chemical equivalent, regardless of form, type, or purity level. The chemical formula for 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane is CF<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>F, and the Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) registry number is CAS 811-97-2.<sup>5</sup>

Merchandise subject to the *Order* is currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) at subheading 2903.45.1000. Although the HTSUS subheading and CAS registry number are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope is dispositive.

#### Continuation of the *Order*

As a result of the determinations by Commerce and the ITC that revocation of the *Order* would likely lead to a continuation or recurrence of dumping and material injury to an industry in the United States, pursuant to section 751(d)(2) of the Act, Commerce hereby orders the

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<sup>3</sup> See *1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane (R-134a) from the People's Republic of China: Final Results of the First Expedited Sunset Review of the Antidumping Duty Order*, 87 FR 40498 (July 7, 2022), and accompanying Issues and Decision Memorandum.

<sup>4</sup> See *1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane (R-134a) from China*, 87 FR 64521 (October 25, 2022); see also *1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane (R-134a) from China*, Inv. No. 731-TA-1313 (Review), USITC Pub. 5378 (October 2022).

<sup>5</sup> 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane is sold under a number of trade names including Klea 134a and Zephex 134a (Mexichem Fluor); Genetron 134a (Honeywell); Freon<sup>TM</sup> 134a, Suva 134a, Dymel 134a, and Dymel P134a (Chemours); Solkane 134a (Solvay); and Forane 134a (Arkema). Generically, 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane has been sold as Fluorocarbon 134a, R-134a, HFC-134a, HF A-134a, Refrigerant 134a, and UN3159.

continuation of the *Order*. U.S. Customs and Border Protection will continue to collect AD cash deposits at the rates in effect at the time of entry for all imports of subject merchandise.

The effective date of the continuation of the *Order* will be the date of publication in the *Federal Register* of this notice of continuation. Pursuant to section 751(c)(2) of the Act, Commerce intends to initiate the next five-year review of the *Order* not later than 30 days prior to the fifth anniversary of the effective date of continuation.

#### Administrative Protective Order

This notice also serves as the only reminder to parties subject to an administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3), which continues to govern business proprietary information in this segment of the proceeding. Timely notification of return/destruction or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply is a violation of the APO which may be subject to sanctions.

#### Notification to Interested Parties

This five-year (sunset) review and this notice are in accordance with section 751(c) of the Act and published pursuant to section 777(i)(1) of the Act.

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